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LRBOI Public Safety Director Appointed to IACP



Public Safety Director Joseph J. LaPorte

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians received another honor this month when Public Safety Director Joseph J. LaPorte was appointed to the International Association of Chiefs of Police-Indian Section (IACP). “This prestigious organization brings together leaders in law enforcement from around the world and nation and we are proud of Joe’s accomplishment,” said Ogema Lee Sprague. Director LaPorte will be his section’s representative in the Eastern United States. His participation in the IACP will (also) open many doors for communication on mutual issues which affect coordination of effective law enforcement.”
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Former Tribal CFO Faces Federal Charges

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SEPTEMBER 28, 2005 MANISTEE, MI

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is pleased with the progress in this case. While we cannot comment upon an ongoing Federal investigation, we are confident that justice will be served in this matter. As a Sovereign Government, we take our financial matters seriously and will do our utmost under the law to maintain our integrity and the trust of our patrons, tribal members and employees.

Glenn Zaring, Public Information Director

ARTICLE BY PATRICK SULLIVAN - STAFF WRITER FOR THE *RECORD EAGLE*
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Brownfield Brainstorm

by Emily Drouin - Public Information



After months of tests and lab results, hours and hours of research, interpreting chemical, mineral, and other types of land pollution, Sara Bizon, the Tribe’s Brownfield specialist is now in the beginnings of the planning phase. Armed with a clear notion of what can be done to salvage two of the Tribe’s properties (East Lake and the Powwow Grounds) she called upon a team of interested and qualified members of the Tribe and of the community to start thinking of what could be done with these properties.

SEE BROWNFIELD BRAINSTORM P. 12



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Halloween Bash 2005

Saturday, Oct. 29 6:30pm 'till 8:30 pm
At the Tribal Community Center

Join us for a frightening good time and Trick or Treating
Creepy Car Contest & Costume Contest (15 and under)
\$\$ 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes awarded \$\$\$

Be a part of our trick or treat trail
By handing out sweet treats from our ghoulishly decorated car.

Any questions please call Julie Wolfe 231.398.6632



2005 Children's Christmas Party

DATE: Sunday December 11th
PLACE: Little River Casino
Three Fires Convention Center
TIME: 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

You will need to call and register your children for this party to ensure that they will receive a gift. Registration is open to children 0 – 17. To register your children, please call Mary Thomas at 231-398-6824

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS
5pm Friday Dec. 2nd

All children must be accompanied by parent or guardian.
Children must be present to receive their gift.

Refreshments will be served...

WARRIOR SOCIETY RINGS



For More Information,
Contact Al Medacco
strongbear71@aol.com

LRBOI Toll Free Job Hotline

1-866-556-5660

For more information contact Alyce Giltz in Human Resources @ 1-888-723-8288

Pow Wow Report

The final report is in on the 2005 Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Jiingtamok (PowWow)

The Cultural Preservation Committee (CPC) reported this month that the event was a success with a total cost to the tribe of \$20,643.21*

The expenditures associated to the event totaled \$34,989.83 but the revenue generated from sales, raffles, and vendor fees was \$14,346.62

This cost is a reduction from last year's PowWow and is a tribute to the hard work and good organizational skills of our organizers and volunteers!

*[\$34,989.83 (expenses) - \$14,346.62 (revenue) = \$20,643.21 (cost)]



TRIBAL ARTIST ON DISPLAY

Tribal Member and artist Shirley M. Brauker has a versatile array of talents. Some of her art is on display at the *Little River Casino*: two paintings, "*The Rapids*" across from the Rapids Deli, and "*The Heron*" in the Heron dining area, and a bronze statue of a bear, "*Moon Bear Drums For His People*" in one of the lounges, are some of her creations that you can visit when you go to the casino.

This new piece (left) is a pottery jar called "*The Heron*"



TAX OFFICE - QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

If you have tax questions that you would like to have answered in upcoming editions of Little River Currents, please send them to: Barb Czarnecki, Tax Officer, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660 or email them to: bczarnecki@lrboi.com.

Question #1: I am a Resident Tribal Member living in the tax agreement area. Do I have to pay my property taxes?

Answer: The Tax Agreement does not address or create an exemption from property taxes. The Tax Agreement only applies to the following Michigan Taxes: (1) sales tax, which is 6% of the retail price; (2) use tax (which includes the tax on hotel/lodging receipts), which is 6% of the purchase price; (3) income tax, which is 3.95% of adjusted gross income; (4) motor fuel tax, which is 19 cents per gallon of gasoline and 15 cents per gallon of diesel (when implemented); (5) cigarette tax of \$2 per pack; and (6) single business tax, which is 1.9 % of the applicable tax base. The Tax Agreement does not address or create an exemption from property taxes.

Question #2: I am a Resident Tribal Member and I filed my federal and state income tax returns on April 15, 2005. I just found out about the Annual Sales Tax Refund for Resident Tribal Members. Can I still file?

Answer: You can still file for the 2004 Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Refund for the period that you were a Resident Tribal Member in 2004. Call the tax office at 231-398-6874 and ask for Form 4013.

NOTICE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS:

Chapter 7 of the Budget and Appropriations Regulations deals with tax regulations on Tobacco Products. Please note that Tribal members may not purchase tax-exempt tobacco products for non-members (including family members) who are not eligible for the exemption. It is against the law for Tribal members to purchase tax-exempt tobacco for non-members and Tribal members who do so are only reducing the quantity of tax-exempt tobacco products available for other Tribal members.

If Tribal members continue to purchase cigarettes for non-members, total sales of tax-exempt cigarettes will soon reach the quota amount which the Tribe is able to acquire under the Tax Agreement. At that time, sales of cigarettes at the tax-exempt rate will be suspended for the balance of calendar year 2005. Please be considerate of your fellow Tribal members and only buy tax-exempt cigarettes for your own personal use.

SEVERAL GENERATIONS AGO,
OUR ANCESTORS WERE TAKEN FROM THEIR FAMILIES AND PLACED IN BOARDING SCHOOLS.
I KNOW THAT EVERYONE KNOWS THIS HOWEVER, THINK ABOUT THE HARM THIS HAS DONE SINCE.
SINCE, MANY OF THESE SCHOOLS WERE RUN LIKE MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS,
THE CHILDREN WERE NEVER TAUGHT HOW TO BE PARENTS.
CHILDREN LEARN FROM WATCHING OTHERS INTERACT, BEHAVE AND REACT.
SMALL CHILDREN IMITATE THESE ACTIONS AND SPEECH.
PHYSICAL DISCIPLINE WAS OFTEN USED IN THESE ENVIRONMENTS.
YOU DON'T LIKE A BEHAVIOR, YOU JUST HIT THE PERSON DISPLAYING IT.
THE MAJOR ESCAPE FROM THE NEGATIVE FEELINGS — LOW SELF ESTEEM — WAS ALCOHOL (NOW DRUGS).
IT IS ALSO CHARACTERIZED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.
FROM PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, IT IS USUALLY THE NON-NATIVE DOING THE VIOLENCE
(BOARDING SCHOOL SYNDROME).
TODAY, WE HAVE PEOPLE STILL CAUGHT UP IN THIS CYCLE.
THEY HAVE CHILDREN EXPERIENCING SOME VERY DIFFICULT LIFESTYLES.
YOU CAN HELP THE FAMILIES REGAIN SOME OF THEIR POWER.
KINSHIP AND FOSTER CARE WILL HELP SOME CHILD BECOME AN ADULT WHO CAN BREAK THIS CYCLE.
WE HAVE A NEED FOR CARING PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO HELP SOME CHILDREN
BACK TO THE TRADITIONS OF THE PEOPLE — SHARING, CARING AND LOVE.

IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP

CONTACT BERNADENE CRAMPTON, INDIAN CHILD SPECIALIST
1-888-382-8299, EXTENSION 6707 OR LOCALLY 398-6707



Four Sacred Medicines



The information in this article is only a small portion of the many and extensive Native Teachings that exist. Teachings vary from First Nation to First Nation and even from one geographic region to another. For more information, please consult with a Traditional Elder, Healer or Medicine Person.

The Four Sacred Medicines

Tobacco is the first plant that the Creator gave to Native People. It is the main activator of all the plant spirits. Three other plants, sage, cedar, and sweetgrass follow tobacco, and together they are referred to as the four sacred medicines. The four sacred medicines are used in everyday life and in ceremonies. All of them can be used to smudge with, though sage, cedar, and sweetgrass also have many other uses. It is said that tobacco sits in the eastern door, sweetgrass in the southern door, sage in the west and cedar in the north. Elders say that the spirits like the aroma produced when we burn tobacco and the other sacred medicines.

Tobacco

Traditional people say that tobacco is always first. It is used as an offering for everything and in every ceremony. "Always though tobacco," the saying goes. Traditional tobacco was given to us so that we can communicate with the spirit world. It opens up the door to allow that communication to take place. When we make an offering of tobacco, we communicate our thoughts and feelings through the tobacco as we pray for ourselves, our family, relatives and others.

Tobacco has a special relationship to other plants: it is said to be the main activator of all the plant spirits. It is like the key to the ignition to a car. When you use it, all things begin to happen. Tobacco is always offered before picking medicines. When you offer tobacco to a plant and explain why you are there, that plant will let the plants in the area know why you are coming to pick them.

When you seek the help and advice of an Elder, Healer, or Medicine Person, and give your offering of tobacco, they know that a request may be made, as tobacco is so sacred.

We express our gratitude for the help the spirits give us through our offering of tobacco. It is put down as an offering of thanks to the First Family, the natural world, after a fast. Traditional people make an offering of tobacco each day when the sun comes up.

Traditional tobacco is still grown in some communities. For example, the Mohawk people use a traditional tobacco that they grow themselves and that is very sacred to them.

Sage

Sage is used to prepare people for ceremonies and teachings. Because its is more medicinal, and stronger than sweetgrass, it tends to be used more often in ceremonies.

Sage is used for releasing what is troubling the mind and for removing negative energy. It is also used for cleansing homes and sacred items. It also has other medicinal uses.

There is male sage and female sage. The female sage is used by women.

Cedar

Like sage and sweetgrass, cedar is used to purify the home.

It is also has many restorative medicinal uses. Cedar baths are healing.

When Cedar is put in the fire with tobacco, it crackles. When it does this, it is calling the attention of the spirits to the offering that is being made.

Cedar is used in fasting and sweat lodge ceremonies as a form of protection: cedar branches cover the floor of the sweat lodge and a circle of cedar surrounds the faster's lodge.

Sweetgrass

Sweetgrass is the sacred hair of Mother Earth. It's sweet aroma reminds people of the gentleness, love and kindness she has for the people. When sweetgrass is used in a healing circle it has a calming effect.

Like sage and cedar, sweetgrass is used for smudging and purification.

Taking Care of the Medicines

You take care of these sacred medicines by keeping them in a dry place. They can be stored in paper bags or wooden boxes. If you have been using alcohol or drugs, Healers say you wait four to seven days before touching the medicines.

As our awareness and knowledge of our traditions and culture increases, so does our honor and respect for these ways. This has not always been the case in our communities. There are always those who present themselves as Healers, Elders or Medicine People who have not earned that title and may us the Teachings and medicines in the wrong way. It is important for everyone, especially young people, to be aware of this and to exercise caution when they seek healing, Teachings or advice. It is advisable to consult with people whom you trust to get referrals to respected and recognized Traditional Elders, Healers, or Medicine People.

This information along with other teachings published in the "Currents" is made possible by "Anishnawbe Health Toronto".

For more information on these teachings and the program, you can contact Dwayne Boyer by phone at 416-360-0486



Sweetgrass

The LRBOI Natural Resources Department welcomes all Tribal Members in need of gathering Sweetgrass to the NRD office "complex".

Please remain mindful of the needs of others and take only as much as you need.

It would also be appreciated if you took note of Elders you know that might not have transportation to go out to the NRD building and ensure they are given a braid as well.

Remember that the Sweetgrass has been growing in planters all summer and will need to be "weeded" of other types of grasses before it can be braided.

The Sweetgrass is located in three planter boxes on the East and South sides of the office "complex".

When you do come to harvest it, please be mindful of those who spent long hours tending it through the season.

Miigwetch

Enrollment

The Enrollment Department will be out of the office on training Tuesday November 29th through December 2nd. The office will resume regular hours on Monday December 5th.

The Tribal Directory is now available in the Enrollment Department. Tribal members are encouraged to stop by the Enrollment Department to pick one up.

If we sat in a circle and put an object in the center of the circle and we all described what we saw, everyone would see different points of views from each other. Some would even see opposites because they would be sitting on opposite sides of the circle. In other words, you don't have to see what I see for you to be right. In fact, everyone in the circle is right based on their own point of view. If we are willing to listen to everyone's point of view, then we can get a more accurate description of the object in the center. This is one way to put our minds together. When we get the clarity from each other, we should give thanks and be grateful to each other.

Grandfathers from the four directions, guide me today with Your wisdom from the east, from the south, from the west and from the north.

How important it is for us to support one another. How important it is for us to know our culture and to share our experiences with one another. How powerful it is to be authentic. How important it is to hold no secrets. I am as sick as my secrets.


Grandfather, allow me today to be willing to share with my brother and sister. Let my eyes see You in their eyes. Let me not judge them but only love them. Grandfather, help me, for I am Your humble servant.

Everyone got to find the right path. You can't see it so it's hard to find. No one can show you. Each person got to find the path by himself."
--Charlie Knight, UTE

There are certain times in our lives when a voice whispers to us. The voice doesn't always talk. Usually we hear it best when we are sick and tired of being sick and tired. Sometimes a restlessness occurs and it makes me feel I need to be doing something or I need to be going somewhere or maybe I start wondering "who am I?" Often when this happens, I feel lost. Inside of everyone is the natural, built-in desire to be walking the Red Road, or to be seeking a relationship with the Creator. No one can force us to make this journey. We must make this journey because we want to. This journey is not on the outside. The path is inside of ourselves. It is inside that we must begin our search.

Oh Great Spirit, help me this day to look within myself. If trouble arises, let me realize that it's not what is going on but how I am looking at what's going on. Give me Your power this day to conduct myself according to Your way of life.

<http://www.whitebison.org/>



LRBOI Direct Contact Numbers			
Ogema's Office	231-398-6824	Prosecuting Attorney	231-398-3384
Tribal Council	231-398-6845	Public Safety	231-398-3413
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Kimberly Alexander	231-398-6835	Peacekeeping	231-398-3401
Shanon Crampton	231-398-6849	Education	231-398-6724
Steve Parsons - Speaker	231-398-6830	Elders	231-398-6709
Norbert Kelsey	231-398-6828	Enrollment	231-398-6713
Janine Sam - Recorder	231-398-6834	Food Commodities	231-398-6715
Don Koon	231-398-6831	Housing	231-398-6730
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Accounting	231-398-6878	Warriors Society	231-398-6720
Economic Development	231-398-6806	Be-Da-Bin	231-723-6630
Election Board	231-398-6852	Clinic Operations	231-398-6630
Grants	231-398-6870	Contract Health Office	231-398-6629
Legal	231-398-6822	Contract Health	800-723-8299
Member's Assistance	231-398-6731	Family Services	231-398-6726
Planning	231-398-6866	Natural Resources	231-723-1594
Public Information	231-398-6840	Gaming Commission	231-723-7755
Reception	888-723-8288	Tribal Historic Preservation	231-398-2221
Language Hotline	877-398-2224	Toll Free	888-723-8288
		Health Toll Free	888-382-8299
		Little River Casino Resort	888-568-2244

NUTRITION 411

Many people know that cranberries are beneficial in preventing urinary tract infections (UTI), but they also have several other proven and researched health benefits. Here are some of those potential benefits:

1

They have been shown to contain more antioxidants, which play a role in the prevention of heart disease and certain cancer, then 19 other commonly eaten fruits.

2

Preliminary results suggest that cranberries may be beneficial in the prevention of peptic ulcers.

3

Research suggest that cranberries may offer a natural defense against atherosclerosis (primary cause of cardiovascular disease from a build up of low density lipoprotein (LDL), or bad cholesterol.

4

Contain a high ORAC value (a value related to antioxidants) that may help protect against age- related conditions like loss of coordination and memory.

5

May be able to prevent dental plaque and periodontal disease, and decrease cavities according to research in the Journal of the American Dental Association.



The Commodity Program got two new freezers on September 20th, 2005. The program surely needed them. The program changed so now we can only get a food shipment once every 3 months.

Program Director, Yvonne Theodore with the new freezers

Recipe: Grilled Cheddar, Turkey and Cranberry

- 8 slices whole wheat bread
- 6 tablespoons cranberry sauce
- 8 ounces reduced-fat cheddar cheese (2 cups grated)
- 8 ounces roasted turkey breast

Preparation:

Spread 11/2 tablespoons of cranberry sauce on each of 4 slices of bread. Add 2 ounces of cheddar onto each piece, followed by two ounce of roasted turkey.

Place each sandwich in a frying pan over medium heat (try using cooking spray instead of butter). Cook until golden and crusty, about 3-4 minutes. Carefully turn and cook until second side is golden, about 2-3 minutes more.

Makes 4 sandwiches

WORD SEARCH
VEGGIES

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BEANS BEET CABBAGE CARROT CORN CUCUMBER
LETTUCE OKRA ONION PEA PEPPER POTATO PUMPKIN
RADISH SPINACH TOMATO TURNIP YAM

October 1st, 2005 Food Distribution Program new monthly income guidelines from the USDA .

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations net monthly income standards for the the Contiguous United States (Effective October 1st, 2005)

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$932.00
2	\$1,204.00
3	\$1,475.00
4	\$1,747.00
5	\$2,042.00
6	\$2,335.00
7	\$2,607.00
8	\$2,879.00
Each additional member + \$ 272.00	

The Food Distribution Program serves 13 counties:

Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Wexford, Osecola, Mecosta, Ottawa. For information call: 1-888-723-8288 or 1-231-398-6715 and 1-231-398-6716 ask for Yvonne Theodore or Frances Lawrence or Laurie Jackson. Office Hours are 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS GAMING COMMISSION

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Gaming Commission is the Tribally appointed Commission responsible for the regulation and enforcement of gaming activities at the Little River Casino Resort. The Gaming Commission has also been charged with the monitoring and protection of the public’s health and safety at the LRCR. The Gaming Commission employs more than 30 persons, including; Compliance personnel, Surveillance personnel, Internal Audit/Accountant personnel, Background Investigation personnel and support personnel.

As Tribal Government employees, the Gaming Commission employees work for the Tribal public and the general public, not for the Casino. The Commission staff monitors the casino for violations of: the Gaming Ordinance, State Compact, Rules, Regulations and other Gaming Laws. The Gaming Commission also conducts thorough background checks on all persons involved in the Casino’s operations including; vendors, casino employees and casino management.

Below are six common misconceptions and/or questions that many patrons of casinos have. We hope these answers can dispel any rumors or misinformation that many people believe to be truthful. The Gaming Commission and its staff would like to post a regular column in “Currents”, so if you have any other “burning” questions send them to either address below and we will answer them in future articles.

Snail mail to: **LRBOI Gaming Commission**
Burning Questions
P.O. Box 337
Manistee, MI. 49660
c/o Erford Edmondson, Compliance Manager

OR E-mail to: **eedmondson@lrboi.com**
subject: Burning Questions

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Can the Little River Casino throw a switch or turn a screw and “tighten-up” a slot machine?

The only way the Little River Casino Resort can change the payout percentage on a slot machine is to physically change a computer chip in the slot machine itself. A computer chip determines the payouts and results of a slot machine. An independent gaming laboratory tests the computer chips to ensure they are programmed to pay at a predetermined percentage. A Gaming Commission Compliance Officer examines the computer chip and tests it to confirm the validity of the chip. When the chip is placed into a slot machine, the Compliance Officer, verifies that the machine is properly set-up and “seals” the computer chip into the slot machine with evidence tape to prevent tampering. So, to change a payout percentage, the Casino would have to remove the old chip, have a new one examined and tested and then installed and sealed into the slot machine. This is a tightly regulated aspect, it is done to protect the integrity of the slot machines and preserve the public confidence.

If I put \$100 in a slot machine that advertises a 95% payback. Should I get back at least \$95 every time I play?

The computer chip in the slot machine that determines payback percentage is programmed with a **theoretical** payout percentage. This means that a chip set at 95% theoretically will payback 95% over the lifetime of the machine, approximately 10,000,000 handle pulls. A player would have to play all 10,000,000 handle pulls in order to get a “guaranteed” 95% return over time.

However, because the computer chip uses a random number generator it always pulls up random numbers, the odds of winning the jackpot are exactly the same on every pull, no matter the previous game outcome. Realistically, you can win back to back jackpots.

Do I need an ID to gamble at the Little River Casino Resort?

You must be able to prove you are at least 21 years of age upon request. You may also need a valid ID and Social Security card for federal tax purposes, if you win a jackpot of \$1200.00 or more.

Will the Casino watch my credits and coin buckets if I leave them?

Actually, the patron is responsible for watching credits or coin buckets. Should you abandon credits on a slot machine, forget or have your coin bucket stolen, the Little River Casino can not guarantee that your loss will be recovered. The Casino may attempt to help you, but it can not guarantee success.

The reel display of a slot machine indicates a win, but I didn’t win anything. Shouldn’t I always get what the reels display?

Periodically slot machines break down. The outcome of a handle pull or button push is determined by the computer chip. The reels do not determine the result, they only display the result. A discrepancy between the reel display and what the computer told the reels to display may indicate a machine malfunction. In a patron dispute, a Compliance Officer has the ability to check the results of the last games played in the player history. Therefore, if you believe that the slot machine has not paid out according to the payout display on the slot machine, you should stop playing immediately and ask the Little River Casino to review the results. If you are not satisfied with the answers you are given, you have the right to contact the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Gaming Commission.

I have complaint against the Little River Casino Resort and I do not agree with the response from Casino officials, what do I do now?

You have the right to ask Casino officials for a form that will present your complaint to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Gaming Commission for review and possible further investigation. In most instances you will receive a response from the Gaming Commission within 30 days.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council is pleased to announce a number of appointments to various commissions as well as the swearing-in of a newly elected Election Board member. At their regular meeting on September 28th in the Dome Room, Terri Burmeister Fisk was sworn in by Judge Ryan Champagne as the newest member of the Board of Elections. Several members of the board were present for the ceremony. (a picture will appear with this part)

In further action, the Tribal Ogema nominated candidates to fill vacancies on the following commissions:

The Tribal Ogema nominated and the Tribal Council confirmed the following members as the new Boxing Commission:

- Enrollment Commission for terms that will expire on 9.20.09
- o Katie Glocheski - Seat #3
 - o Diana O’Neal - Seat #4
 - o Roger Sprague - Seat #5
 - o Jacqueline Rose - Seat #6
 - o Don Stone - Seat #7

- Pat Ruiter
- Shane Crampton
- Jim LaPorte

- Natural Resource Commission for terms that will expire on 9.20.09
- o Virgil Johnson - Seat #4
 - o Alyce Giltz - Seat #5

- The Council also appointed two Tribal Council Liaisons to work with the following entities:
- Israel Stone will be Council Liaison with the Boxing Commission
 - Shannon Crampton will be Council Liaison with the Small Business Incentive Task Force

The Tribal Council confirmed all nominations during the open meeting. In addition to the nominations for the two existing commissions, nominations were also made for a new commission established by Tribal Council on September 14th, 2005. The Boxing Commission was established to comply with Federal Laws concerning professional boxing activities . The Little River Band Boxing Commission is the regulatory body that is empowered to license professional boxers, promoters, and other necessary personnel, as well as establish rules for professional bouts, and other boxing activities within the Tribe’s jurisdiction. The Little River Casino Resort expects to host a professional boxing event in November of this year, and the creation of this commission was necessary to move that initiative forward.

Terri Burmeister Fisk
Swearing in



LRBOI COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

COMMISSIONS

Binojeeuk Commission: The purpose of this commission is to protect the best interests of the child and promoting the stability and security of the Tribe and its Indian families by exercising the Tribe’s rights under the Indian Child Welfare Act and the Little River Band Children’s Code. The Commission advises the Tribal Council and Tribal Court on child welfare matters, recommends policy and procedures, monitors child welfare proceedings involving Tribal members in state or Tribal courts, and other duties as outlined in the Children’s Code. There are five (5) adult members of this body.

Housing Commission: The Commission is organized to develop and further housing opportunities for Tribal members, to provide housing programs and services to Tribal members, assess the housing needs of the Tribe and to submit the Tribe’s Annual Indian Housing Plan under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act. There are five (5) members of this commission, one member may be a non-member of the Tribe.

Enrollment Commission: This Commission is responsible for making determinations on enrollment applications, as well as advising the enrollment officer and Tribal Council regarding the enrollment process, to ensure that it is equitable and fair. The Commission has seven (7) members.

Natural Resources Commission: This body is empowered to regulate utilization of natural resources within the Tribe’s jurisdiction, including hunting, fishing, gathering, trapping activities. The Commission issues licenses and permits, as well as recommending to Tribal Council any additional ordinances to protect the natural resources, lands and waters within the Tribe’s Reservation and Ceded Territory. There are five (5) members of this Commission.

Gaming Commission: The Gaming Commission is the Tribe’s Regulatory Agency that has authority over all gaming related activities within the Tribe’s jurisdiction. The duties and powers are numerous, including but not limited to enforcement internal controls, licensure of Casino employees, adoption of regulations for the gaming enterprise, enforcement of gaming laws, regulations and policy. This Commission is comprised of three (3) adult members, and each commissioner is required to have a comprehensive background investigation prior to appointment to this body.

COMMITTEES

Cultural Preservation Committee
The Committee organizes and approves cultural activities, including the annual Jingtamok.

Applications for appointment for these positions consist of a letter of interest and an application form which identifies the individual’s personal and professional background. Applications for the positions also require a letter of interest to be filed with the Tribal Ogema.

Note: *All Commissioners are required to sign a conflict of interest form.*

Note: *In September, in addition to the current vacancies as indicated, there will be reappointments due for terms that are expiring. For example, there is one vacancy on the gaming commission, but some terms will be up for reappointment, so two seats may need to be filled by September.*

Commission members receive a stipend of \$100.00 per meeting for their service to this important government function.



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TRAVERSE CITY RECORD EAGLE NORTHERN MICHIGAN'S NEWSPAPER ONLINE EDITION

By Patrick Sullivan - Staff Writer for the Record Eagle

Appeared on October 1st, 2005

MANISTEE - The former chief financial officer for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and a car wash operator are accused of an elaborate scheme to siphon hundreds of thousands of dollars from the tribe.

Daniel Broton, CFO for the band until 2002, faces a five-count indictment filed this week in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan. Daniel Heller, a car wash operator from Muskegon, faces a 32-count indictment.

Both are charged with multiple crimes, including wire fraud and money laundering for an alleged scheme to "cheat and defraud" the tribe, according to the indictments, filed by assistant United States Attorney Michael A. MacDonald.

William Brooks, an attorney for the band, referred all questions to the U.S. District Attorney's office. Other tribal officials could not be reached for comment.

Broton, who is not a band member, caused \$248,902 in fraudulent checks to be issued between 2000 and 2002, according to the 46-page indictment against him.

Broton and his wife had a "strong financial motive" to take tribal funds, according to the indictment - as of November 1999, Daniel Broton owed \$441,374 to the state of Michigan in tax liens.

Heller also had a motive - investigators said he reported to the Internal Revenue Service that he lost at least \$200,000 annually between 2000 and 2002.

Investigators said Broton and Heller used the name of a company created by Heller, Professional Services, Inc., and the name of a local accountant who was unaware of the alleged scheme, to make invoices look legitimate. Invoices were submitted for accounting services that were never performed, according to the indictment.

Investigators said the proceeds were used to pay off debt, purchase property and set up retirement accounts.

Some of the alleged fraud was extremely elaborate. Broton signed paperwork obligating the tribe to purchase a property in Muskegon in 2001 owned by Heller for close to \$104,000 without the knowledge of the tribal council, according to the indictment.

Later, investigators said Broton informed the tribe's housing commission that Heller wanted to "donate" the property to the tribe, and the tribe needed to pay nearly \$2,000 to facilitate the transaction.

The tribe's housing commission later sold the property for about \$49,000, investigators said, and the proceeds were made payable to Heller's company, Professional Services, Inc.

Trial Updates

Defendant Daniel Broton is scheduled to enter a plea to the Indictment before Magistrate-Judge Scoville, in Federal Court for the Western District of Michigan, in Grand Rapids at 3:30 p.m. October 6, 2005. Normal federal procedures include the preparation of a pre-sentencing report prior for the sentencing hearing.

Gene Zeller

The former Chief Financial Officer of a Manistee-based American Indian Tribe pleaded guilty to a host of criminal charges at his initial appearance in Federal Court.

Daniel Broton, 45, of Hesperia, pleaded guilty to conspiracy, wire fraud, money laundering and conversion of travel assets and could receive a sentence of three years to 46 months in prison, under federal sentencing guidelines.

Broton's sentencing date has not been set. In his plea agreement, he agreed to repay the tribe about \$510,000. Prosecutors agreed to not charge Broton's wife Susan, who was identified as a co-conspirator in the indictment against Heller.

Little River Band Ogema Lee Sprague said the embezzlement was uncovered by tribal employees working in the accounting and housing departments; "There were a lot of people that put their trust in him, and now, obviously, that trust is betrayed." Sais Sprague.

Glenn Zaring

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Brownfield Brainstorm

by Emily Drouin - Public Information



Brainstorm Team at work - clockwise, From Front Right: Ogema Lee Sprague, Robert Hardenburgh, Nita Guentheart, Mark Johnson, Jessica Kenzie, Emily Drouin & T. Eftaxiadis

ON SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2005, Sara Bizon, the Tribe's Brownfield Specialist brought together a miscellaneous group to brainstorm over the development possibilities of two Brownfield sites owned by the Tribe. Sara has been in charge of conducting a battery of tests on various properties in order to determine how they can best be used and how they will need to be cleaned up.

Many employees were present at this meeting as well as several Tribal Members that have either an interest in the outcome of these developments or that have some input as to what is already being done or what should be done with these properties to benefit the Tribe.

In attendance were: Dan Shepard, Planning Department; Mark Dougher, Grants Department; Nita Guenthardt, Economic Development; Lee Sprague, Ogema; Sara Bizon, Brownfields Specialist; Frank Beaver, GAP Coordinator; Jay Sam, Historical Preservation; Mick Moore, Utilities; Melissa Waitner, Grants Department; Marcella Leusby, Grants Department; Jimmie Mitchell, Grants Department; Art DeBres, Public Safety; Emily Drouin, Public Information Department; Robert Hardenburgh, Natural Resources Department; T. Eftaxiadis, Project Consultant for the City of Manistee; Dave VanHaaren, AKT Peerless Consulting Firm; Craig Seger, The Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio Firm. The team of consultants from The Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio facilitating the meeting include: Jessica Kenzie, Mark Johnson, and Jamie Brown.

The first site is the property known as the Pow Wow Grounds. This site is situated across the road from the casino, located on US-31 at the corner of y M-22. It is a large parcel of land that was purchased in 1998.



Brainstorm Team at work - clockwise, from Front Right: Mark Dougher, Mick Moore, Jimmie Mitchell, Melissa Waitner, Dave VanHaaren, Craig Seger, Jamie Brown & Frank Beaver.

The second property is known as the East Lake Site or "Big Blue". This property currently houses the Natural Resources Department (NRD) and the Maintenance Department. It is on the shores of Lake Manistee and has historically been used as a fairly large ship docking facility. There are no docks there now, although the pillars can still be seen submerged in the water. This property has also been used for various other industries, including fiber glass and lumber productions, hence it's status as a "Brownfield", and has the great feature of housing a 140' by 300' steel truss building: "Big Blue". An important feature of the property is that it is traversed by a railroad track.

A team of landscape development architects facilitated the meeting by explaining the various qualities of these properties. For example, the Pow Wow grounds are in a prime location for retail operations. The back of the property however, is the only remaining corridor for wildlife to migrate from major bodies of water and habitats. To disturb this area could force deer, bear, and any number of other animals to use the road to circulate. There is also a "drain" or artificial river that could be maintained and given a more natural look. The team of consultants helped the group navigate through these cautions and suggestions without dampening our creative spirits.

Here are some of the ideas that were brought up by the teams:

small fish smoking shop. The grounds would be cleaned up, a boardwalk would be built to enjoy the natural settings, and a break wall and marina would be built with the potential for growth if ever needed. The marina would have facilities for Tribal fishermen, the NRD boats, and the Tribal Police boats and would sport a state of the art fish cleaning, icing and packing facility. The Natural Resources Department would keep some of its offices there as convenient. The rest of the property that remains either undeveloped or that is not set aside for natural growth, would be used by the NRD as a plant and tree nursery for native and traditional species.

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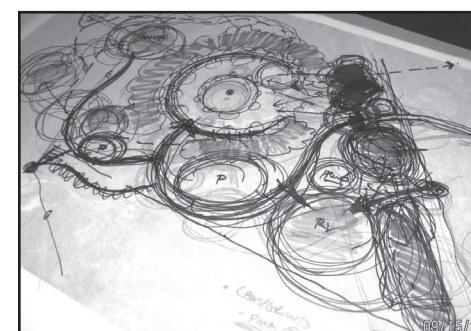
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Brainstorm Preliminary



Trail Trees

Written by Benita Walters

Have you ever seen a tree like this? Were these strangle shaped trees merely an accident, or were they the creation of man for some specific purpose? Why did some hardwood trees seem to bend sharply, creating an elbow, and “point” in a certain direction?

Crisscrossing the forest floor were well-worn paths, trails that Native people had used for many years. These trees were called Crooked Trees or Trail Trees. The trees were directional markers used by the Indians who lived in this area. They pointed to the next camp, hunting, fishing, or gathering areas. The trees were shaped as saplings by being bent at the base and secured in position with rawhide or large rocks. Some deciduous trees, such as oaks, elms, and maples, were best suited to be easily bent at sharp angles without breaking. Over the past 150 years, the trail trees have almost disappeared. Many of these trees have been lost to disease, age, storms and improvements to property, but there are still a few survivors in our area.

Larry Campeau saved this tree from the chain saw. He has looked at this tree for many years, and then saw it marked to be cut down. He went to the park rangers and told them what this tree was and what it meant. This tree is located at the Ludington State Park on a hill in the Beachwood Camp Ground, just before the dam at Hamlin Lake.

A sign put up by Larry and Bonnie Campeau and dedicated to our grandmother, Eliza Campeau, marks the tree.

Article and picture by Benita Walters

If you have a story you would like to share with your friends and relations through the *Little River Currents*, please contact us.

We are always looking for interesting, informational, historical, or simply anecdotal stories that we can publish to keep Tribal Members informed.

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ture of the casino would be located on the road. The stores suggested ranged from a leather store to a coffee shop and some gift-type stores with traditional items such as jewelry, baskets, blankets and other items.

The Pow Wow area would remain as it currently is although a new building for kitchen and bath facilities would be added. An RV campground could be added to the East side by the road and the suggestion was made to add formal camp

spots for Members that wish to camp during various gatherings such as the Language Camp, Pow Wow and others. There could also be “back-country” campsites further south in the woods. Finally, it was suggested that the drain at the bottom of the hill be landscaped to give it a more natural look.

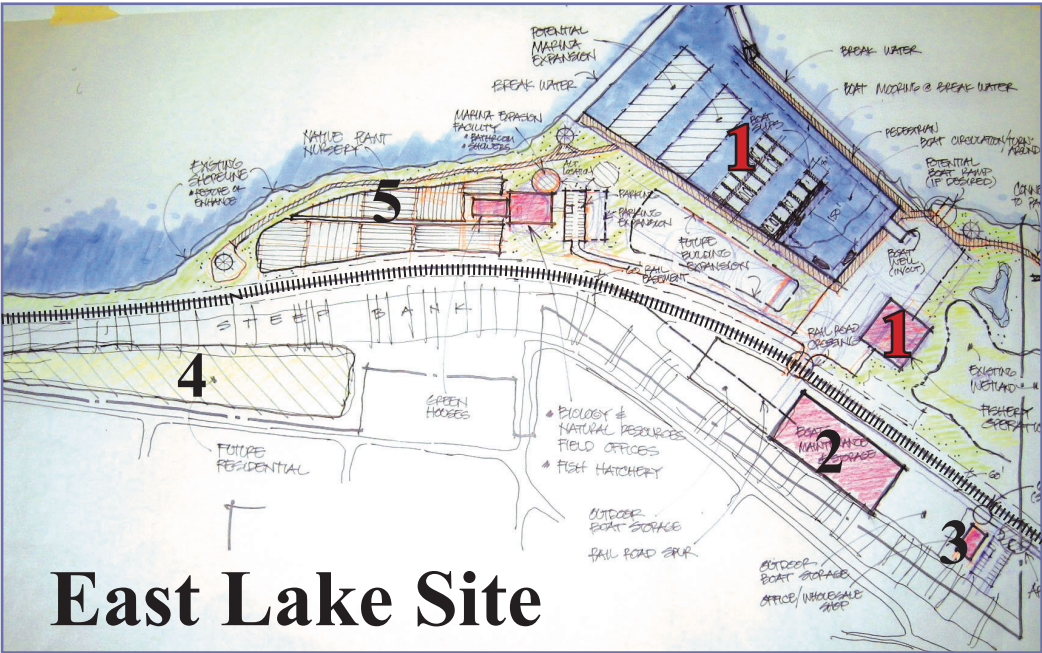
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PowWow Grounds Site	East Lake Site
1. Cultural Center with tunnel under Hwy 31 from Casino	1. Marina and break walls with fish cleaning/packing facility
2. Existing PowWow Grounds with new kitchen building and surrounded by tent camp sites	2. Existing “Big Blue” building - boat storage
3. Parking for gatherings	3. Fish smoking and shop
4. RV Camp Facility	4. Possible future residential
5. Possible Retail stores such as leather shop, bead store, jewelry, etc...	5. Boardwalk and native plant nursery
6. Existing Casino Grounds	Railroad Track





Re-Affirmation Dinner a Huge Success

Chii Miigwech to all of those who helped make this a special event for those present. The food was outstanding (prime rib, baked potatoes, fry bread, pumpkin pie, etc.) along with the service. The functioning Food & Beverage Director Don Paone can be very proud of his staff and his efforts to enhance the performance in the department: their hard work was evident on this evening. It was nice to see our F&B tribal members (Ron, Pete, Sally Bell and Brett Champagne) in the leadership role assuring that everything was done to perfection (Miigwech).

The items that were raffled off were very nice (jackets, vests, hats, flags, etc.). Steve Medacco did a fabulous presentation informing us of restoration efforts that tribal council is involved in. Buying back our land base seems to be the key. Bill Brooks provided us with the legal jargon made simple and even sported the suit jacket he had worn at one of the re-affirmation hearings long ago.

Again, Miigwech to all who contributed to making this a special day for all tribal members present.

Lynn Piwonski

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There is a lot to think about!

Story by Emily Drouin
Pictures submitted by Sara Bizon

The Natural Resources Department is anticipating applying for a USDA Competitive Cleanup Grant that would apply to the two sites discussed in this article. They will be seeking public comments at the NRD office in late November of this year.

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War Is Not Just Fighting

The National Iwo Jima Memorial Monument was unveiled and dedicated on February 23, 1995, the 50th Anniversary of the historic flag raising on Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima, during World War II. It was conceived and designed by Dr. George Gentile, founder and President of the Iwo Jima Survivors Association, Inc. Funds for the monument were raised by Iwo Jima battle survivors, all members of the Association. It is dedicated to the memory of the 6,821 Americans who gave their lives at Iwo Jima. (<http://www.webtravels.com/iwojima/infosheet.htm>)

There are six Flag Raisers on the photo. The front four are (left to right) Ira Hayes, Franklin Sousley, John Bradley and Harlon Block. The back two are Michael Strank (behind Sousley) and Rene Gagnon (behind Bradley). Strank, Block and Sousley would die shortly afterwards. Bradley, Hayes and Gagnon became national heroes within weeks.

The best known flag-raiser, Hayes was a Pima Indian from Arizona. Uncomfortable with celebrity, guilt-ridden over the death of “my buddies” on Iwo Jima. Hayes attended the Marine Corps War Memorial’s dedication in 1954. He passed away ten weeks later, at age 32. His funeral was the largest in Arizona history. Hayes’ life was the subject of two movies and a song, Peter La Farge’s The Ballad of Ira Hayes, recorded by Johnny Cash and later Bob Dylan. Hayes is one of three flag raisers buried at Arlington Cemetery. On the Iwo Jima Memorial, his is the rear figure, his hands just out of reach of the pole. Ira Hayes: born January 12, 1923 Sacaton, Arizona, died January 24, 1955 Bapchule, Arizona.

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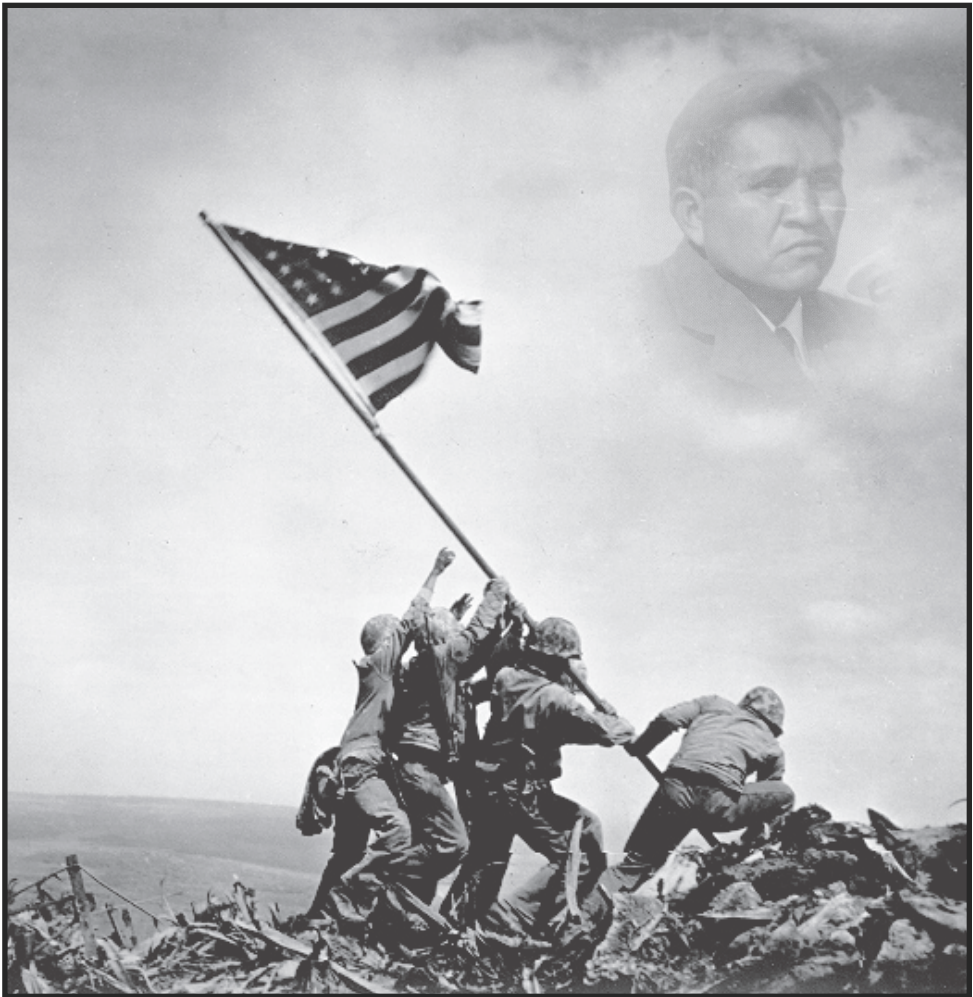
War is not just fighting
It is mommy or daddy going away
And maybe not coming home

War is not just fighting
It is pain inside or out
Emotionally and wounds

War is not just fighting
It is the fear of dying
But knowing that you are fighting for your country

So just remember my friend
As you watch that TV
And as you hear the deaths of the soldiers
Just remember that is someone’s daddy or mommy
Never coming home

By an anonymous Tribal Youth





by Jay Sam - Historical Preservation Director

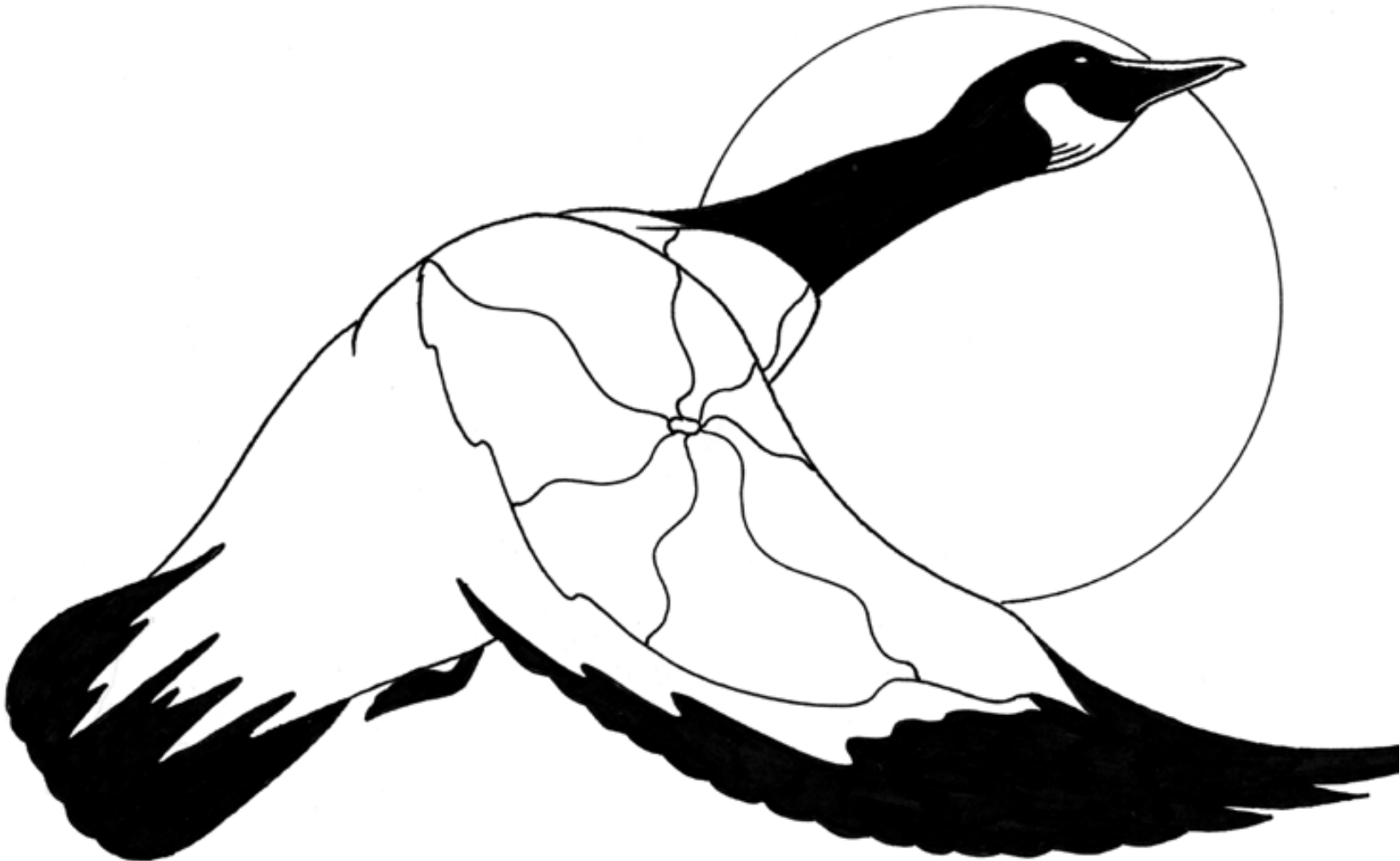
Disrespect shown to Wawashkeshak (Deer)

Once, *chi mewinzha* (a long while ago), the Anishinaabek lost some of themselves. They had lost their *mnaadendimowin* (respect) for *Aki* (Earth), and the *wesiinhak* (animals) and plants. They didn't hold *manidokewinan* (ceremonies) before the deer hunt and make offerings. When they took the deer's life, no apology or honoring was given: *gaawiin giibiigitinaasiin sema* (no tobacco was put down). The *gewse nininwok* (hunters) were convinced the firearms made hunting almost too easy. Overkill became common. *Wawashkeshak* provided *wiinyaas* (meat), *pshkwegin* (leather), sinew and several other items. They felt the disrespect keenly. After a council with the other *wesiinhak*, *amik* (beaver), *waaboz* (rabbit), *wzhashk* (muskrat), and *makwa* (bear), it was decided to withdraw further and have no contact with the Anishinaabek. *Mahiingan* (wolf) even said the Anishinaabek have forsaken our teaching them how to hunt. *Wawashkeshak* moved off and hid; others followed. The Anishinaabek could not find them. Without *wawashkesh wiinyaas*, *peboon* (winter) was hard. The next year was worse, and so on. Finally, the Anishinaabek asked for help. *Nanaboozho* (first man) spoke with *wawashkeshak* and returned to explain, scornfully, the insult and disrespect. The Anishinaabek said they would apologize and show proper *mnaadendimowin* (respect) for the sacrifices of others, limiting their take to need. The *wawashkeshak* returned. But, if the Anishinaabek don't remember their promise, *wawashkeshak* may vanish, never to return.



White Tail Deer Study, by Robert Beatman

Color Your Canadian Goose!



FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Department Mission Statement:	Departmental Information		
The Family Services Department purpose is to provide members with services designed to assist in the development of self-sufficiency and the improvement of the quality of life while respecting the individual needs of the members.	Department: LRBOI Manistee Office	Location: 1762 U.S. 31 South Manistee MI, 49660	Phone: 1-231-398-6726 (This is a centralized intake process and only contact number published.)
	LRBOI Muskegon Office (not operational at this time)	1465 Apple Ave. Muskegon MI, 449442	
Department Goals for 2005:	Director: William Memberto	Phone: 1-231-398-6728	Cell: 1-231-690-3516
1.To target the demonstrated needs of Tribal Members to fill areas of service not provided by state and local service agencies. 2. To maintain and preserve the Native American family by providing appropriate direct services, referral services, and case management services to Tribal Member Families. 3. To assist member families in access to services and programs designed to help gain self sufficiency. 4. To insure the protections of the Indian Child Welfare Act for family members having children at the risk for removal or in Foster Care. 5.To provide Family and Domestic Violence advocacy for individuals and families experiencing issues of domestic or family violence. 6. To provide supportive services to Elders in an effort to assist in the improvement of quality of life and to maintain self sufficiency where ever possible.	Supervisor: Angie Turner	Phone 1-231-398-6703	Cell: NA
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	Caseworker	Roma Battice	1-231-398-6719
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	Upcoming Departmental Activities that should be covered by LRC		
	Title	Date	Description (include whether you want LRC to cover the event or if you will submit an article yourself)

ArtrainUSA Visit Good for Tribe and Local Community



by Glenn Zaring - Public Information Director

What impact do public events have upon the local economy; upon the local culture and local education? When planning everything from Health Fairs to Pow Wow’s to Festivals, these questions come up. How do you judge the value of events? The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians this summer was part of an interesting study designed to be able to answer this type of question. It began when the tribe helped to sponsor the ArtrainUSA, (Native Views, Influences of Modern Culture) visit to Ludington, MI over the Memorial Day weekend. West Shore Community College worked with the Ludington Area Arts Council to develop a method to scientifically measure the impact of the ArtrainUSA visit. Linda R. Boitos from the Office of Institutional

Research at the school led the study team and prepared a report which indicates that this particular event had a positive and measurable impact from several different aspects. As relates to tribal issues, exit surveys of 633 visitors (out of 2,647 total for the four-day event) to the exhibit showed that 93% of them came away with an “increased awareness and understanding of the exhibit’s subject” as a result of attending the event. An additional 97% would consider attending an arts event of this nature in the future. They learned more about the Indian perspective and would like to learn more in the future! When the makeup of the overall visitor group is studied, it is interesting to note that

1124 of the total group were 4th through 6th grade students or younger. These are young, mostly non-tribal people who now have a better understanding of Indian culture and people that make up the tribal community of the United States. In economic terms the visit was good as well. The total economic impact for the area was an estimated \$52,885, which exceeded its estimated cost by 40%. The partnership of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the Ludington Area Arts Council and the ArtrainUSA definitely paid positive dividends for everyone.

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MIIJIM (food)

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PAKWEZHIGAANHS	(Cookie)	MANDAAMIN	(Corn)	ZIISIBAAKWAT	(Sugar)
BIJIZAGAN	(Bread)	WAWAAN	(Egg)	MSKWAMIN	(Raspberry)
PIN	(Potato)	MINOMIN	(Rice)	ZIITAAGAN	(Salt)
JIISENHS	(Carrot)	WIIGWASMIN	(Cherry)	OZAAWEMIDE	(Butter)
PSHIIMIN	(Apple)	MNIJIIMIN	(Pea)	ZIIWAAGIMIDE	(Syrup)
KWASMAAN	(Pumpkin)	ZAAZIGIKWADENHS	(Fry Bread)		

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCES

KENT COUNTY		NEWAYGO COUNTY	
YWMCA Domestic Crisis Center	(616) 459-4681 Crisis (616) 451-2744	WISE	Crisis (231) 796-6600 Or (800) 374-9473
LAKE, MASON, AND OCEANA COUNTIES		OTTAWA COUNTY	
Region Four Community Services	Crisis (800) 950-5808	Center for Women in Transition	Crisis (616) 392-1970 Or (800) 848-5991
MANISTEE COUNTY		WEXFORD COUNTY	
CHOICES	Crisis (231) 723-0082	OASIS/Family Resource Center	Crisis (231) 775-7233
MUSKEGON COUNTY		LRBOI Domestic Violence	
Every Women’s Place	Main (231) 759-7909 24 hr Crisis (231) 722-3333	Prevention Program	Toll free (888) 382-8299 Direct (231) 398-6614



Guiding Eagles Inc.

Native American Youth Talent Contest Sponsored by Guiding Eagles



**Are you ready to show off some great talent?
Do you have a student with an outstanding gift?
Do you know someone with exceptional abilities?**

How does it work? First of all there is no entry fee and you don't have to travel anywhere to enter, participate or compete. Simply put your talent into a format that can be mailed. Example - If you write send us a copy of your writing, if you dance send us a videotape of you dancing and be sure to include an entry form. That's all you need.

CATEGORIES

Traditional Arts

This is a new category for 2005. Entries in this category are for native crafts (ie beading, dreamcatchers, quillwork, flutes, moccasins, ect) All work must be made by the person entering the item. Pictures of the items are acceptable, it is not necessary to send the craft item to enter it

Writing, Poetry, Short Stories

Poetry is limited to 30 lines

Short Stories are limited to 3,000 words

Creative writing is limited to 1,500 words

Traditional topics are preferred but not mandatory. The quality of the work and the judges decision will determine winning status. Entries can be submitted via email or snail mail. Any obscene or off color entries will be burned.

Music

Any instrument may be used to enter the music contest. Contestants are asked to keep music entries to seven minutes long. Entries can be sent via video tape, cassette tape (recorded from a cassette tape recorder is fine) , CD, or over the computer.

Drumming Groups Music Groups

This category is reserved for groups of more than one person. Contestants are asked to keep music entries to three minutes long. Entries can be sent via video tape, cassette tape (recorded from a cassette tape recorder is fine) , CD, or over the computer.

Singing

Contestants are asked to keep singing entries to three minutes long. Entries can be sent via cassette tape (recorded from a cassette tape recorder is fine) , CD, or over the computer.

Art, Drawings, Paintings

Paintings, drawings, charcoal and watercolor will be accepted. Photography must be done in black and white. And we also accept handcrafts that show and express talent. Paintings, drawings, watercolors, charcoal and handcrafts may be submitted with a clear, detailed photo if so desired. Photography entries however will need to be sent in.

Dancing

All categories welcome (ie fancy, traditional, grass, jingle). Contestants are asked to keep entries to five minutes long Entries will need to be submitted by video tape.

Dance Groups

Entries can be traditional (powwow type) or non traditional. Contestants are asked to keep entries to five minutes long Entries will need to be submitted by video tape.

Miscellaneous

This category is reserved for anything that does not fall into the above categories. Submit entries as appropriate so that the judges are able to get a clear idea of what it is and can judge it fairly and accordingly.

Before entering anything in the categories below please send an email so that we can find a judge that speaks the language you will be entering in.

Spoken language

Entry must be your own work and not copied from anything else. Any entrant found to be copying their work from anything previously written by those who speak the language well (in other words, cheating) will immediately be disqualified. Entrants are asked to keep their entries to three minutes or less. Entries in this category carry a higher points value than any other category with the exception of the Singing language category.

Singing language

Entry must be your own work and not copied from anyone else (ie Joanne Shenandoah, Sharon Burch, Brule' or anyone else). Any entrant found to be copying their work from anything previously sung (in other words, cheating) will immediately be disqualified. Entries in this category carry a higher points value than any other category with the exception of the Spoken language category

Writing language

Entry must be your own work and not copied from anyone else. Any entrant found to be copying their work from anything previously written (in other words, cheating) will immediately be disqualified. Entries in this category carry a higher points value than any other category with the exception of the Spoken language category

-Guiding Eagles Mission Statement-

The Guiding Eagles network strives to provide opportunities and incentives to Indian Youth. Our goals are to encourage them to make use of their talents, while learning and participating in their traditions, heritage and languages. To help foster a sense of pride from knowing that their talents and abilities are valued. And involve people and communities from around the country to accomplish this.

2002 was a year of beginnings and ideas for Guiding Eagles. Since then contestants have entered from all over the nation both from schools and individually. Singers, musicians, artists, and writers have volunteered to help with judging and encouraging kids to make the most of their talents. Tribal councils and individual people have stepped up to help support the contest. But most importantly because of all the wonderful people that have been a part of the Guiding Eagles competition it has made a difference.

Our main goal is to make this contest one of the premiere competitions to enter. Our thought being - imagine what it would mean to a young man or woman not only to be accepted into the contest but to have a chance at winning - because their talents are good enough. We want them to be honored at powwows, we want to have their work reviewed by more and more celebrities who will share their thoughts and opinions, we want to provide avenues for them to make use of their talents if that is what they wish to do, we want songs sung about these young, incredibly talented people because they are after all, our very future.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.guidingeagles.com/index.htm>

Or Contact:

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Tribal Historic Preservation Coordinator
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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vchandler@lrboi.com

e. Project Site meets the I.H.S Eligibility Requirements.

Phone: 231-723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288
Fax 231-398-6748

CHS and EHAP NEWS

Aanii. I hope you are all enjoying the Fall weather. It’s fun watching the leaves blow around, but it’s a drag to rake them up. I have just a couple of announcements for you and a few reminders.

We all hope that you and your children enjoy a happy and safe Halloween! Don’t forget to brush those beautiful pearly whites!

Juanita Antoine will be returning to us on Monday, October 10th! We can’t wait! We sure do miss her and I’m sure that her people do too! Welcome Back Juanita! Hooray, Hooray!!

Also, don’t forget to start thinking about your flu vaccinations. The season will be coming upon us quickly! Be sure and talk to your physician about the necessity of a flu vaccination.

For those of you who live within the 90-mile/minute radius of a Tribal facility, you must coordinate your care with them

in order to receive monies from CHS or EHAP. This includes, but is not limited to referrals for specialty physicians. You cannot initiate care with a specialty physician and find out you need a procedure or surgery and THEN seek the Tribal referral. This would be considered fraud and the procedure/surgery would not be payable by CHS or EHAP.

Also, I am not sure when Sandy Renner will be returning, but please keep her in your thoughts. I will let you know as soon as I can, until then, we will all be picking up her portion of the alphabet. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

I would like to remind the EHAP members to remember to write your confirmation numbers on your bills or receipts that you are submitting for payment/reimbursement. This expedites the process for us and cuts back on very

time-consuming research. Thank you all for your help and cooperation in this matter.

Remember to call with any question or concern you may have regarding CHS and/or EHAP. There is no such thing as a silly question when it pertains to your health! Our toll free number is 1.888.382.8299 or directly 231.723.8299. We hope to have the construction completed shortly. You will absolutely love the new look! The crew is doing an awesome job! Miigwetch.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gina Wright
CHS/EHAP Supervisor

DRIVER’S TRAINING PROGRAM FUNDING

In August 2005, the Little River Band Tribal Council approved an addition to the LRBOI Student Services program that will allow parents/children to receive up to \$250 for reimbursement or payment to a vendor for driver’s training programs. This is a new program that has been included in the 2006 Education Department budget proposal. If your child won’t be starting driver’s training until after January 2006, please wait until January to apply. Limited funding has been allocated by Tribal Council to be available for those students who will be starting driver’s training between now and December 1, 2005. To be eligible for this program, a student must be an enrolled Tribal Member who is in the process of enrolling in a driver’s training program. Please submit a letter requesting the assistance. Include a copy of the student’s registration form or other information that indicates the dates of the program and the program cost. If you are seeking reimbursement you must include a copy (please don’t send the original) of your receipt. Otherwise you will need to submit an invoice/bill and the program can pay the vendor. Please be sure in your request to include your child’s name, address, Tribal ID number and date of birth.

For those students who will be signing up for driver’s training after January 1, 2006, your application for this program will be included in the LRBOI Student Services Registration which will be mailed in January.

REMINDER

PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND TRIBAL ID NUMBER IN ALL CORRESPONDENCE WITH TRIBAL DEPARTMENTS.

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR PHONE NUMBER WHEN YOU LEAVE A VOICEMAIL MESSAGE WITH ANY TRIBAL DEPARTMENT.

WE DO NOT ALWAYS HAVE READY, EASY ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION, IT COULD SPEED THINGS UP FOR YOU IF YOU INCLUDE YOUR COORDINATES IN ALL INTERACTIONS WITH THE TRIBE

PLEASE ALSO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR UPDATED ADDRESS IS ON FILE WITH ENROLLMENT. THIS IS IMPORTANT BOTH FOR YOU AND FOR ANY CHILDREN THAT ARE TRIBAL MEMBERS.

Currents Submission Coupon

Please fill out the following coupon, cut it out, and mail it to; *Little River Currents* 375 River St., Manistee, MI 49660
Dedications we receive will be published in the next available newspaper issue.

Name: _____ Tribal ID #: _____

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Write your dedication text out completely, for example: “Happy 60th Anniversary, Aunt Mary and Uncle Harry, April 1, 2004. From your family and friends.” Dedications are printed EXACTLY as printed in the box below.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BUSINESS CORNER

by J. GUENTHARDT

It is ready!! For all of you patient entrepreneurs and members—The Small Business Task Force has completed the application forms that start the process for a business grant. The ordinance provides funding for established business relocating to tribal trust land, and for new business starting on tribal treaty and trust land. The details are packaged and available at the Economic Coordinator Office in the Bank Bldg., phone, or e-mail to request a copy sent to you. The main requirements will be a complete business plan—but you have all been working on that with me this year, right? Either you followed a format from the library or you went to [www: myownbusiness.com](http://www.myownbusiness.com) and followed the planning steps.

Right? So now, we are ready for you to bring your plans to the Task Force to assess and submit to Tribal Council for available funding. Don’t worry if you are not quite ready. The Task Force wants everyone to be a great success. If you leave out some of the requested information, you will receive a written list and reason for the return and will be able to resubmit when you finish putting the information together.

For additional help or questions, call Nita Guenthardt at 231-398-6806 to make an appointment or to ask a question over the phone.

So let’s get going—2006 is going to be a great year to be in business, especially if you get all the set-up work done in 2005.

When you see Jay Sam, Virgil Johnson or Joni Purgiel, the other members of the Task Force, tell them Miigwetch for their focus and hard work getting this ready for you.

One bit of business advice I have shared in person with some of you is finding a way to develop the expertise and experience that can make your business venture more successful. I would like to share a few thoughts on mentoring. You can be the receiver, or protégé, or the teacher. Either way, mentoring, the act of sharing experience and knowledge with someone who shares your passion and chose to walk the same path as you is a priceless lesson and a gift to both involved in the sharing.

Motives for Mentoring? Two Different Sides:	
From the mentor’s perspective:	From the protégé’s perspective:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It increases the revenues and opportunities for business development• It helps develop more competitive and cost-effective suppliers of goods and services.• It provides access to markets.• It helps them meet subcontracting goals.(Minority Partnerships)• Ultimately, it contributes to the stability of the protégé’s business.• It feels Good—to see someone succeed!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gained access to finances, management and technical skills.• Greater market exposure—learning from an experienced person• Learning more about the industry• Learning about paths to success and snares to avoid

The key to a successful mentoring experience is to choose the match as carefully as you do your life—partner. Get to know each other before agreeing to work closely together.

- Areas that create stress and conflict include:
- Shared work ethics
 - Customer relationships’
 - Moral standards
 - Cultural compatibility

These and other stressors can cause a negative experience. If researched carefully that can be avoided.

During pre-working meetings and site visits, learn as much as possible about the other company. Question the prospect about past work with minority businesses; obtain and check references. The more you know about the prospective mentor, the better your firm’s position will be when it is time to negotiate a mentorship agreement.

Developing the opportunity is an ongoing process, which continues throughout the association because you want to foster an excellent relationship built on trust and dependability so that you will build a relationship to repeatedly work together for joint projects.

Remember, even those projects that did not select your firm, as the protégé or you did not accept as mentors can hold benefits down the road. Therefore, be professional and businesslike during your contacts because while a mentorship might not have been right with a particular company, you would have already made a contact for possible contracting and subcontracting opportunities in the future. Looks like it could be a great fall! I will be waiting to see all of you soon. In addition, those that will need to have a new home to rest in after working their new business check with Housing about the Leasehold mortgage program.

Happy and busy holidays to all!

- Nita

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Utilities Department

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The Rock and The Tree

Someone once walked up to me in a Koumic and handed me this story. I did not know this man, though he is now part of my family. He did not know me, yet this story changed the way I look at my life and at the lives of others.

The rock and the tree

There was once a little boy who lived a happy and safe life in his parents' house. The little house had a backyard and, like so many other yards, there was a tree growing quietly in a corner. One day, as the boy was playing with his father in the yard, he noticed that in the crux of the tree, right between its two slender arms, was a rock. Thinking it best for the tree to take the rock out of there, the boy reached for the fist-sized intruder. Just then, his father walked up and said; "Son, leave the rock be. It chose this tree and the tree has accepted it. It used to lie beneath the ground and this tree is the one that raised it up. Just leave it and watch to see why they are now together." Thoughtfully, the little boy took his hand away; "Daddy, this rock is too big, it will surely kill our little tree?" With a knowing look, the father answered; "Let yourself trust Mother Nature, son."

And so the years went by and soon the boy was a teenager. He often looked out at the tree, getting stronger and bigger everyday. That rock was now 2 feet off the ground, held tight between the tree's two arms. One day the young boy came home in a huff. "I can't do this!" He cried out. "I'll never make it on the team and I'll never get better than a C in math!" He slammed the door to the house and went fuming to the backyard. There stood the tree, with a rock stuck in it. In a fit of anger, he took hold of the rock and started pulling. His father walked out and watched the anger fade as the stone stayed anchored in the tree's embrace. "Son, listen to the lesson the tree and the rock are giving you today. A few years ago, you thought the stone would kill the tree if you left it there. Mother Nature has taken care of them and now the tree has lifted the rock and grown strong with it. If you take that stone out now, it will hurt the tree." The boy looked at the rock, then at the branches of the tree, well above his head. The tree also had a burden. Now it's burden was a part of that tree. And it had survived! Well, maybe he could do the same.

Years again passed. The boy was now a man. He had his own house, and a wife, and a job. Although he rarely went home anymore, he often thought of the tree and the rock. When things got tough, he remembered he just had to believe and he could lift his burdens up to become a part of his successes. On a winter day, tragedy struck his family. He did not know what to do, how to cope. He and his wife traveled to his parents' home to be with their family. That night, he took his wife out to the backyard to show her his special tree. There was only a bump in the tree trunk where the rock was still buried. His wife asked him about the tree and the rock and he told her about the lessons he had learnt from them over the years. "Listen to it now, he told her, it is still teaching us." They stood silently together under the tree, in the cold. Then she looked up to her husband and said; "Maybe we can get through this. The hard times we are facing are just like that rock in the tree. Soon others will not be able to see them on our faces, although they will still be in our hearts. Those hard times are what make us so special to each other; just like that rock makes the tree special to you. We can get through this and

raise our troubles to become our strengths." He took her in his arms and held her tight. This tree was full of surprises! He thanked his father silently for the gift he gave him that day long ago. Years came and went. The young boy's children were now grown and he had told them many of the tree's lessons. One day, he took them to his parents' old house to show them where he grew up. He thought that, maybe, the new owners would let him show them the tree. They rang the doorbell and when a man answered, he explained that there was a tree in the yard that he would like his children to see. "That tree!" The man said, "You're more than welcome to look at it! It's not going anywhere! Every time I took a chain saw to it, the saw broke! Must not want to be cut down..."

Take good care of this story, it means a lot to me. Bring it with you when you travel, it will thank you.



Tribal Artists?

The Little River Casino wants to display your art!

The Casino and Hotel would like to display your art in their new rooms and in the new Cultural Center.

Call or e-mail Mark's office and set a time to bring in your portfolio, photographs and possibly samples to be considered

Please contact:

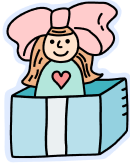
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Special Projects Manager

Little River Casino Resort
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Happy Birthday!



Happy 8th Birthday to Kali VanAelst our reading wonder!
What happiness you have brought to our lives!
We love you with all of our hearts
and hope you have a wonderful day,
- Love Mom and your Brother



Happy Birthday Glenn Lones Jr. (October 22)
- Your friend forever,
Angela
XOXO

Happy Birthday Tianna! (November 13)
- Love, daddy, mima, uncle Steve and uncle Rob

Happy B-Day Janette!!
- From all your friends at the Bank Building!

Happy Birthday to my Beautiful Mother Kathy Bowen
(November 12)
I - Love You...Misty

Happy Birthday Don, Tabitha and Stephanie Bowen
- Misty and Kids (Nov. 4)

Happy Birthday Gramma, love you !
- Aaron, Dakota, Cheyenne and Vanessa

Happy Birthday to my Great Grandmother (Kathy Bowen)
- Love Aiden xoxoxoxo

Happy Belated Birthday to my lovely daughter Vanessa
Figueroa
- Love Mom

Happy Belated Birthday to Dakota Woodward
- Love Mom

Happy Birthday to my sister, Julie
- I love you, Nita

Happy Birthday to my daughter, Janelle Lyrenmann
- I love you, Mom

Happy Birthday Terry Piwonski
-Love Mom and Dad

Happy 8th Birthday Oct.28th 2005
-Love Ma and Dad

Happy 18th Birthday Justin Gumieny (Nov. 17th)
- Love Mom, Dad and Jonah

Happy Birthday to Bonnie Belden (Nov 7th)
- Love, Sis

Happy Birthday Janette Summers (Nov. 24th)
- Love, Sis

Happy Birthday Tim Chandler (Nov. 16th)
- Love, Sis

Happy Belated Birthday!

Happy belated birthday Tyler Hinkle
Your Granpa's Boy!
We know Grandpa was proud to have you born on his
birthday!
-Love Mom, Dad, Tommy and Taylor

Anniversary



Happy 45 Anniversary Dad and Mom, I am blessed to have
the both of you for my parents.
- Love Misty

Happy Anniversary to my great and wonderful man!
(November)
- Love, Denise

Prayers...



To all my Family and Friends, here in Manistee, Mi.

KATRINA!

Would you please, pray for my family and friends,
-Thank you to all, Daniel Blanchard

UPDATE ON THE CONSTRUCTION AT THE CLINIC BUILDING:

Many thanks to the hardworking maintenance crew of LR-
BOI: Brian Gibson, Mike Sprague, Clatus Clyne, Pat Wilson,
Josh Stone, Ben Hamilton, John Shepard, Brian Moore, Jason
Moore and Mick Moore.

*The funding source for all this work is the Indian Health
Service, for a total of \$181,999.00 in building improvements.
No Tribal Revenue is dedicated to these projects.*

Jessica L. Burger, RN



*New reception area,
check-in window,
and inside the
reception desk*



Congrats to Tribal Member Cameron Umlauf on becoming Manistee High School's 2005 Homecoming King!
From the proud parents, Bob and Alicia Knapp and family
And congrats to the Queen Megan Doyen.
We love you Cam!

The Warrior Society

Would like to invite all veterans who are interested to send in their stories to share with other Tribal Members.

There is a lot that we can learn from your experiences in war or in life.

If you would like to share with us, please contact Al Medacco at:

strongbear71@aol.com
or by phone at 1-231-398-6720

Qualified Vendors Wanted:

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is Requesting Proposals from:

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Questions regarding the quote and award should be directed to:

Ms. Michelle Lucas, Purchasing Supervisor
toll free – (888) 723-8288
or e-mail mlucas@lrboi.com

Please Send Requests for Proposals to:

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
375 River Street
Manistee, MI. 49660

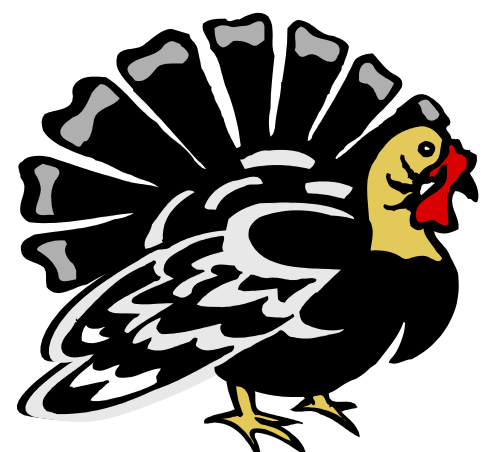
Attn.: Ms. Michelle Lucas

Second Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner

*On Thanksgiving Day
From 1 to 6 p.m.*

At the Community Center

Everyone is Welcome!



Little River Currents

MEGWAA EZHOWEBAAK *Bashkakodini-Giizis (Freezing Moon)*
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Water Tower Update!

